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**The “1,000 Villages” initiative aims to develop the 1,000 poorest villages in Egypt.**



- Launched in 2007, the “1,000 Villages” initiative aims to improve the status of 1,000 villages by improving the infrastructure of basic education, opening classes to combat illiteracy, offering more jobs, and providing ambulance and postal services.
- The 1,000 villages were chosen according to a poverty reduction plan drawn up by the Egyptian Ministry of State for Economic Development and the World Bank.
- The initiative, which cost more than 700 million dollars in its first

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phase, has carried out about 1,400 projects so far.



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